

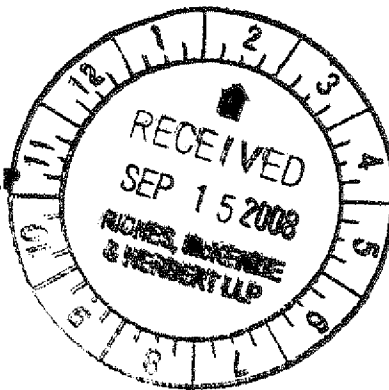


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Application No. : 2,359,690
Owner : DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Title : **ELECTRONIC BOOK WITH EMBEDDED LINKS TO INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL RESOURCES**
Classification : G06F 17/30 (2006.01)
Your File No. : **P74401**
Examiner : Ada Che

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 30(2) OF THE *PATENT RULES*. IN ORDER TO AVOID ABANDONMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 73(1)(A) OF THE *PATENT ACT*, A WRITTEN REPLY MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE ABOVE DATE.

This application has been examined taking into account the:

Description, pages 1-50, as originally filed;
Claims, 1-79, as originally filed; and
Drawings, pages 1-34, as originally filed.

This application has been examined taking into account applicant's correspondence on prior art received in this office on May 2, 2005.

The number of claims in this application is 79.

The examiner has identified the following defects in the application:

The search of the prior art has revealed the following:

References Applied:

Publication Patent

ⓅD1: Yankelovich et al., "Reading and Writing Electronic Book", Computer, US, IEEE Computer Society, Long Beach., CA, US, vol. 18, no. 10, 1 October, 1985 (1985-10-01), pages 15-30, XP000747867, ISSN: 0018-9162

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D2: 5 822 720

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Bookman et al.

□ citation stemming from a foreign search report

Yankelovich discloses the reading and writing of an electronic book.

Bookman et al. disclose a system for indexing displayed elements that is useful for accessing and understanding new or difficult materials.

Obviousness

Claims 1-79 do not comply with section 28.3 of the *Patent Act*. The subject matter of these claims would have been obvious on the claim date to a person skilled in the art or science to which they pertain having regard to D1-D2.

Claims 1, 30 and 56 disclose a method and system for linking electronic files to electronic books and using said links, the method comprises identifying a first location in a first electronic book to be linked to a first electronic file by creating a first electronic link; repeating the identifying and linking steps to create a plurality of electronic links in the electronic book; and activating the first electronic link by selecting the first location to cause the first electronic file to be displayed.

D1 (page 17, col 1, lines 6-15; page 18, col 3, lines 22-29 and 34-41; page 19, col 2, lines 30-40) teaches the ability of electronic books or hypertext documents to link information together, such as word, paragraph, text document, graphical object, spreadsheet cell, and video frame. D1 does not mention about creating links to electronic files in the electronic book and activating a first link to display the first electronic file, however, D2 (col 6, lines 18-19, 32-36, 48-55 and 58-59) discloses identifying a first location in a first electronic book to be linked to a first electronic file by creating a first electronic link (col 6, line 62 to col 7, line 9; i.e. divides the text into the individual components of text that are linked with the additional reference material; the linking process takes the text after the word cut process and links it to an external reference); repeating the identifying and linking steps to create a plurality of electronic links in the electronic book (col 7, line 18-23; i.e. after linking, the text and references are compiled; indices of the component words and phrases are built with links to the reference material); and activating the first electronic link by selecting the first location to cause the first electronic file to be displayed (col 6, lines 48-55; i.e. the user clicks at a particular location, the link between the selected text and the external reference is resolved, and the external reference is retrieved and displayed to the user). Therefore, by incorporating D2 into D1, a person skilled in the art can obtain the result disclosed in claims 1, 30 and 56.

Claims 19 and 45 disclose a menu system to display all available links in the first electronic book. D2 (col 9, lines 5-11) teaches a Table of Contents for the selected book, by clicking on any item, the user is able to go to the desired section of the book, the electronic viewer window has a display region with a button to display the Table of Contents, which is analogous to the

menu system to display all available links in the first electronic book as presented in claims 19 and 45. Therefore, claims 19 and 45 are obvious in view of D2.

Dependent claims 2-18, 20-29, 31-44, 46-55, 57-79 are implementation details and do not constitute a patentable distinction from the prior art.

Available To Public

In accordance with subsection 81(2) of the *Patent Rules*, all documents referred to in the description of an application must be available to the public. Reference to the document on page 1, lines 2-15 must be deleted or replaced by its corresponding patent number or publication number.

Incorporated By Reference

A statement in an application, such as found on page 1, lines 2-16; page 13, lines 14-19 and page 31, lines 1-5 which incorporates by reference any other document, does not comply with subsection 81(1) of the *Patent Rules*.

In view of the foregoing defects, the applicant is requisitioned, under subsection 30(2) of the *Patent Rules*, to amend the application in order to comply with the *Patent Act* and the *Patent Rules* or to provide arguments as to why the application does comply.

Under section 34 of the *Patent Rules*, any amendment made in response to this requisition must be accompanied by a statement explaining the nature thereof, and how it corrects each of the above identified defects.

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